

PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Tsukasa Kobayashi, et al.

Examiner: Unassigned

Serial No: To be assigned

Art Unit: Unassigned

Filed: Herewith

Docket: 15344

For: APPARATUS FOR LIGATING
LIVING TISSUES

Dated: March 6, 2002



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby claim the right of priority in connection with Title 35 U.S.C. § 119 and in support thereof, will submit in due course certified copies of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2001-063931 filed March 7, 2001 and 2001-321002 filed October 18, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul J. Esatto, Jr.

Registration No.: 30,749

Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser
400 Garden City Plaza
Garden City, New York 11530
(516) 742-4343
PJE:cm

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"

Express Mailing Label No.: EV074357041US

Date of Deposit: March 6, 2002

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 6, 2002.

Dated: March 6, 2002


Mishelle Mustfa